GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department - Diversion of 18.62 ha. of forest land in Madhavaram RF, Dhone Range, Kurnool Division/District for lime stone in favour of M/s. Deccan Lime Stone Mining Company (P) Ltd., Dhone – Extension of validity of the Forest clearance approval as co-terminus with the period of mining lease - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.2 **Dated:21-01-2022**

Read the following:-

1)From the GoI, MoEF&CC, Lr.F.No.FCA/16.1/AP/58/MIN/398, dated.04.01.2012.
2)G.O.Ms.No.9, EFS&T(For.I) Department, dated.16.02.2012.
3)Comprehensive Guidelines issued by the GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi vide Lr.No.F.No.5-2/2017-FC, dt.28.03.2019.
4)From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15029/1/2021-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, dated.27.06.2021.
5)State Govt.Lr.No.1194/Sec.II/2021, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.22.07.2021.
6)From the Authorized Signatory, M/s Deccan Lime Stone Mining Co.(P) Ltd., Dhone, letter dt.29.07.2021.
7)Govt.Memo.1194/Sec.II/2021, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.06.08.2021.
8)From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15029/1/2021-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, dated.07.09.2021.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, have accorded (Stage-II) approval under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 18.62 ha. of forest land in Madhavaram RF, Dhone Range, Kurnool Division/District for second renewal of mining lease for lime stone in favour of M/s. Deccan Lime Stone Mining Company (P) Ltd., Dhone, for a period of 10 (ten) years w.e.f. 24.01.2011, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein. In the G.O.2nd read above, the State Government, have issued orders for diversion of above said forest land for a period of 10 (ten) years.

2. The ADMG, Kurnool in letter No.7323/M4, dt.11.01.2005 accorded permission to continue the mining operations for a period of 20 years w.e.f. 02.09.2002 to 01.09.2022 subject to the provisions of Mines and Minerals (D&R) Act, 1957 and executed agreement with the user agency on 11.01.2005 as per orders issued by the GoAP (Industries and Commerce Department) in G.O.Ms.No.146, Ind. & Com (M-1) Dept., dt.12.07.2004.

3. In the letter 3rd read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, have issued comprehensive guidelines for effective and transparent implementation of the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, wherein para 7.3 (vi) of Chapter-7 states that the existing period of validity of forest clearance granted for diversion of forest land under section-2 (ii) of Forest

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(Conservation) Act, 1980 for mining of minor mineral in the State regulated under Rules made under section 15 of MMDR Act, 1957 shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of mining lease as deemed extended under the Rules made under section 15 of MMDR Act, 1957, subject to certain conditions.

4. In the letter 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, has furnished, among other things, the compliance report to the conditions stipulated in Stage-II approval accorded by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Lr.dt.04.01.2012 and requested to take suitable action on the representation of M/s.Deccan Limestone Mining Co. (P) Limited, for extending the forest clearance granted for a period of 10 years in G.O.Ms.No.9, EFS&T(For.I) Department, dated.16.02.2012 co-terminus with the period of mining lease granted in ADMG, Kurnool Proceedings No.7323/M4, dated.11.01.2005 under Section-15 of MMDR Act, 1957.

5. After careful examination of the proposal and as per para 7.3 (vi) of Chapter -7 of Comprehensive Guidelines issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change in the letter 3rd read above, Government hereby order that the validity of the forest clearance accorded by the GoI, MoEF&CC letter dt.04.01.2012 under Section-2 (ii) of Forest (C) Act, 1980 for diversion of 18.62 ha. of forest land in Madhavaram RF, Dhone Range, Kurnool Division/District for second renewal of mining lease for lime stone in favour of M/s. Deccan Lime Stone Mining Company (P) Ltd., Dhone, shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of mining lease i.e., 01.09.2022 under section 15 of MMDR Act, 1957, subject to the following conditions:-

i. The State Forest Department shall realize from the user agency the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land so diverted, if not realized so far, within two years in two equal installments;

ii. The State Forest Department shall ensure maintenance the safety zone of 7.5 mts width all along the periphery of the mining lease area, from the amount which has already been realized from the user agency;

iii. State Forest Department shall realize the Net Present Value (NPV) from the user agency for the forest land falling in the safety zone area and shall submit a revised map (along with the DGPS co-ordinates) including the safety zone area;

iv. All levies under the project shall be deposited with "State CA fund" of the Andhra Pradesh State;

v. The User Agency shall submit a copy of the mining lease to Government for records;

vi. The State Forest Department / User Agency shall comply with all conditions stipulated in the Stage II approval dated 4-01-2012 duly taking undertakings for the conditions that were non-complied in addition to the conditions mentioned above. In the event of failure to

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comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Government.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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The P.S to Secretary, EFS&T Department.
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

I/c Jagadeeswari
SECTION OFFICER